

NEWS from The Savannah River Site



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SRS ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE SPAWNS HUGE TOY DONATION

AIKEN, S.C., (Dec. 13)—U.S. Marine Corps Reservists will collect their single largest contribution today at the Savannah River Site. Employees donated more than 10,000 toys during the site's 11th Annual Toys for Tots Drive.

The annual event, sponsored by the employees of the Projects, Engineering and Construction Division, allows employees to contribute in a variety of ways like donating an unwrapped toy, filling a holiday stocking, or making a monetary contribution.

This year's drive received an extra boost from the efforts of the College Hire Advisory Council (CHAC)—a Bechtel Savannah River Incorporated (BSRI) organization consisting of mostly engineering new hires. To assist the toy drive, CHAC became a sponsor of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program enabling SRS employees to adopt 100 area children. Instead of giving toy donations, over 960 clothing and accessory items were donated to Angel Tree recipients by site employees.

SRS Toys for Tots Chair Sheri Still was appreciative of yet another way for employees to give. "For the first time this year, we offered a fourth means to participate in Toys for Tots with the Angel Tree program. I think employees especially liked this program because they could donate essential items like clothing and shoes," she said.

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Since the origination of the toy drive in 1991, employees have contributed over 50,000 toys to the Marine-sponsored program.

John Oakland, Vice President and General Manager of PE&CD, is proud of his division's growing toy campaign. "Each year we want to give the children of the CSRA something to smile about on Christmas. We proudly combine forces with area Marines and the Salvation Army to guarantee the Toys for Tots Foundation always has enough toys to distribute to needy area youngsters."

In addition, BSRI also donated \$2,000 to this year's drive.

PE&CD provides engineering, construction, project management and environmental services to the site. PE&CD is operated by BSRI—a team partner with Westinghouse Savannah River Company.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Members of the media are invited to cover Salvation Army officials unloading toy contributions from SRS today at 3 p.m. at the old Circuit City distribution site on Wrightsboro Road, Augusta. If print media would like to request an electronic photo (.jpeg format) of the toy pick up at SRS, please contact the media representative listed above.